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April 10-16, 2016, marks National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is proud to join in recognizing the dedication of our communications personnel, as well as the other public safety communications professionals throughout our country. We commend them on their tireless efforts to support emergency responders and to provide critical services to the citizens of Dodge County.

Telecommunicator's Week was first introduced by Congressman Markey in 1991 during the 102nd Congress and Senator Biden, in 1993 during the 103rd Congress. A presidential proclamation was made for the second week of April to be designated as the National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week by then President Clinton in 1994.

In a time of crisis, dispatchers are the calming voice on the other end of the phone line, the one with answers or advice. They're "the life blood" of public safety, the true first responders; this is where it all starts.

National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week is the time set aside each year to give recognition to these professionals and thank them for their dedication to public safety. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, ready to help you in your darkest hour. They bridge the gap between the people in need with the safety service that can help. They ensure the safety of our officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency personnel to provide the best response possible.

9-1-1 is more than a phone number. Dispatching is not just a radio system. All of the technology is worthless without a skilled professional, dedicated telecommunicator, ready to handle any emergency. To all of Dodge County's "**true first responders**", Communications Officers, I admire you and thank you for all you do to serve our communities. Keep up the great work!

**I KNOW PEOPLE I'VE NEVER SEEN  
ADDRESSES I'VE NEVER BEEN  
SECRETS NO ONE CAN HEAR  
AND I HELP THOSE I WILL NEVER MEET  
I AM A 911 DISPATCHER**

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sheriff Dale J Schmidt

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